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In re Application of

ROOS : DECISION ON

Application No.: 10/597,209 :

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Priority Date: 19 January 2004 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.42

Attorney's Docket No.: 070265-082154

For: DRIVE AND POSITIONING METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATED SWITCH MATRIX

This is a decision on applicant's submission filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 09 January 2009, which was accompanied by a declaration of the inventor. The indication in this declaration that inventor Sture Roos is deceased has been treated as a request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

BACKGROUND

On 14 January 2005, applicant filed international application PCT/IB2005/050164, which designated the United States and claimed a priority date of 19 January 2004. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 04 August 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 19 July 2006.

On 17 July 2006, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee.

On 14 October 2008, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating, *inter alia*, that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required.

On 09 January 2009, applicant filed the instant submission which was accompanied by,

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inter alia, a declaration of the inventor and a petition/fee for a one-month extension of time. The indication in the declaration that inventor Sture Roos is deceased has been treated as a request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

DISCUSSION

The submission filed 09 January 2009 has been reviewed and has been found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.42. The declaration filed 09 January 2009 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the request for status under 37 CFR 1.42 is ACCEPTED.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application in accordance with this decision.

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